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Applicant(s): William Francis Weber et al.

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For: METHOD OF PARAMETRIC DESIGN

OF AN INSTRUMENT PANEL SUPPORT

STRUCTURE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the pending paragraph on page 3, lines 12 through 18 with the following:

It is also known to use a computer-aided design technique to design a vehicle system. An example of a computer aided design technique is disclosed in U.S. Patent Application, SN 08/984,806, entitled "Method and System For Vehicle Design Using Occupant Reach Zones", the disclosure of which is also hereby incorporated by reference.

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